

MEETING OF THE CITY OF ZILWAUKEE PLANNING COMMISSION

September 14, 2016

The secretary offered the invocation and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chairperson K. Hyde.

Roll Call:

Present: Jason Boguslawski, Norm Burke, Betty Comstock, Ken Hyde and Rich Metiva.

Excused: Dennis Duro and Steve Thayer.

Also Present: Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator John Stemple, Mayor Gene Jolin and Jason Kopka, resident 500 Schust.

The approval of the agenda was considered. A motion was made by J. Boguslawski, supported by B. Comstock, to approve the agenda with addition in "new business" regarding changes to the meeting dates and time. The motion carried all voting aye.

The minutes of the August 10, 2016 meeting were considered. A motion was made by N. Burke, supported by J. Boguslawski, to approve the minutes as mailed. The motion carried all voting aye.

Audience Participation:

None.

Public Hearing:

A motion was made by N. Burke, supported by B. Comstock, to open the public hearing on "Fences". The motion carried all voting aye. J. Stemple explained the issue of fences in front yards and corner lots, the necessary setbacks and the necessary open construction. The definition of "fences" in the ordinance will also be changed. A motion to close the public hearing on "fences" was made by J. Boguslawski, supported by R. Metiva. The motion carried all voting aye. K. Hyde asked for any discussion from the Commission members. N. Burke questioned why this change was being considered, as he felt it will be a hazard from inside a car to see oncoming traffic or walkers. R. Metiva mentioned he felt children riding bicycles on sidewalks may not be seen if 4' fences are allowed in front yards. J. Stemple explained there are setbacks in place in the ordinance so this should not be a problem. There was much more discussion on this. A motion was made by J. Boguslawski, supported by K. Hyde, to recommend Council make the changes as presented to the Planning Commission regarding "fences". The motion carried with N. Burke and R. Metiva voting No and J. Boguslawski, K. Hyde and B. Comstock voting Yes. Mayor Jolin stated he would inform Council as to the discussion that took place regarding this issue on "fences".

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

There was discussion on the change of the date and time of the Planning Commission meetings. Until further notice, they will be held on the first Monday of each month after the Council meeting which will be at 6:00 P.M. After their individual meeting both Council and Planning Commission members will meet jointly with Rowe & Rowe Engineering on the Master Plan. Hopefully by meeting jointly the work will be finished by July 2017.

John Stemple Updates:

None.

Round Table Discussion:

The members felt that the meeting had very good discussion and was informational.

A motion was made by R. Metiva, supported by J. Boguslawski, to adjourn. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 P. M. The next meeting will be held on October 3, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. This will be a joint meeting with the City Council. The Council will meet at 6:00 P.M. with a brief meeting and then a brief Planning Commission meeting will immediately follow. When both meetings are finished the members of both will meet for a joint meeting with Rowe & Rowe Engineering to discuss the Master Plan. Working on this issue together will hopefully be more effective.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Inman, recording secretary